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FOR IOP/M, ILA, DEPT FOR ARA/PAF

INDEPENDENT DIARIO OF LA PAZ TODAY (9 MARCH) ASSERTED IN AN EDITORIAL THAT THE RESULTS TO DATE OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AS APPLIED TO LATIN AMERICA "DE NOT SUGGEST THE APPLICATION OF A CAREFUL FOREIGN POLICY. THE PRESENT POLICY APPEARS TO BE RATHER THE PRODUCT OF AN UNPREMEDITATED IMPULSE WHICH NEEDS SOME REVISION IF ITS CONSEQUENCES ARE NOT TO EXTEND OVER SUCH A VAST AREA AS TO PREJUDICE APPLICATION OF THE TRADITIONAL PRINCIPLES OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN ITS APPROACH TO THE SOUTHERN REPUBLICS.

"THE DOUBTS ABOUT THE BASIS ON WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TOOK THE STEPS IT HAS TAKEN IN THIS AREA INCREASE WHEN IN THIS CONTEXT OUR COUNTRY IS CHIDED ABOUT THE TIME TAKEN TO DEAL WITH CASES OF DRUG TRAFFICKERS IN OUR PRISONS. ONE MIGHT CRITICIZE IN EXTREME CASES A CERTAIN DELAY IN ADMINISTERING JUSTICE, WITHOUT CONFUSING THE PUNISHMENT OF CONFESSED DELINQUENTS WITH RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. TO INVOLVE THE SITUATION OF CRIMINALS WITH ACCOUNTS PENDING BEFORE THE BAR OF ORDINARY JUSTICE IN THE CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS A SIGN OF SOME SUPERFICIALITY IN THE POLICY WHICH IS BEING UNDERTAKEN...

"IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE IS MUCH TO BE EXAMINED IN RESPECT TO THE  
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NEW AND INTERESTING PHASE OF US FOREIGN POLICY." ENDIT.  
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